

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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DOCKET NO. 2013-451-WS

Application of CUC, Incorporated for Adjustment of Rates and Charges

CUC, Inc. ("CUC" or "the Company") has filed an Application for Approval of New Schedule of Rates and Charges and Modifications to Certain Terms and Conditions for the Provisions of Water and Sewer Service Provided to Its Customers at Callawassie Island and Spring Island in Beaufort County, South Carolina with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("the Commission"). The Application was filed pursuant to the Commission's rules and regulations and S.C. Code Ann. §58-5-240 (Supp. 2013). CUC furnishes sewer collection and sewer treatment and water distribution service to 1241 water customers and 704 sewer customers on Callawassie Island and Spring Island in Beaufort County under the schedule of rates approved by the Commission in Order No. 2005-535, Docket No. 2005-87-WS. According to the Application, CUC is requesting an increase in rates because of increased operating expenses and a marked decrease in revenues, thus the Company seeks approval of a new schedule of rates and charges for water and sewerage service provided to its residential and commercial customers in all areas served.

As part of its Application, CUC requests permission to stop billing and collecting all availability fees for both water and wastewater. The Application states that the number of customers paying these fees has decreased, and delinquent accounts are more prevalent and are both difficult and costly to collect. CUC requests, as stated in the Application, permission to change the Company's billing frequency from monthly to every two months. Additionally, the Company requests permission to be granted the right to pass through wholesale water increases to its customers, following proper proof and at least 30 days advance notice to the Commission and to its customers.

THE PROPOSED NEW RATES AND CHARGES ARE SET FORTH BELOW

(The complete rate schedule is on the Commission's website at www.psc.sc.gov.)

WATER

<u>Residential</u>	<u>Meter</u>	<u>Current(monthly)</u>	<u>Proposed(Bimonthly)</u>
Residential Water	¾" meter	\$17.50	
Residential Irrigation Water		\$17.50	
Residential Water & Residential Irrigation	5/8" x ¾"		\$60.00
Residential Water	1"	\$25.00	\$75.00
Residential Irrigation Water		\$25.00	\$75.00
Residential Water	1 ½"	\$30.00	\$85.00
Residential Irrigation Water		\$30.00	\$85.00
Residential Water	2"	\$35.00	\$95.00
Residential Irrigation Water		\$35.00	\$95.00
Water Commodity Charge		\$3.76 per 1,000 gallons water used	\$6.00 per 1,000 gallons water used
Irrigation Commodity Charge		\$3.76 per 1,000 gallons water used	\$6.00 per 1,000 gallons water used
<u>COMMERCIAL</u>		<u>Current(monthly)</u>	<u>Proposed(Bimonthly)</u>
Commercial Water	¾"	\$20.00	
Commercial Irrigation Water		\$20.00	
Commercial Water & Commercial Irrigation	5/8"x3/4"		\$70.00
Commercial Water	1"	\$25.00	\$85.00
Commercial Irrigation Water		\$25.00	\$85.00
Commercial Water	1 ½"	\$30.00	\$95.00
Commercial Irrigation Water		\$30.00	\$95.00

Commercial Water	2"	\$35.00	\$105.00
Commercial Irrigation Water		\$35.00	\$105.00
Water Commodity Charge		\$3.76 per 1,000 gallons water used	\$6.00 per 1000 gallons water used
Irrigation Commodity Charge		\$3.76 per 1,000 gallons water used	\$6.00 per 1,000 gallons water used
NON RECURRING CHARGES		CURRENT	PROPOSED
Tap-In Fee	¾"	\$525.00	
Existing Water Tap-In Fee (New Connections Only)	5/8" x ¾"		\$525.00
Tap-In Fee	1"	\$700.00	\$700.00
Tap-In Fee over 1" Water Meter		Cost plus Service	Cost plus Service
New Water Customer Account Initiation Charge		\$13.50	\$30.00
Delinquent Customer Account Notice/Notification Fee		\$4.00	\$25.00
Reconnection Charge after 9 months of Disconnection (see Order No. 2005-535, Settlement Agreement, page 8 of 11)		\$35.00	
Disconnection Charges			\$45.00
Reconnection Charges (see page 2 of 4 of Exhibit A of Application)			\$45.00
Damage/Tampering Charge			Up to \$250.00

SEWER

RESIDENTIAL	Meter	Current(monthly)	Proposed(Bimonthly)
Base Residential Sewer	¾"	\$17.50	
Base Facilities Charge	5/8"x3/4"		\$60.00
Base Facilities Charge	1"	\$25.00	\$75.00
Base Facilities Charge	1.5"	\$30.00	\$85.00
Base Facilities Charge	2"	\$35.00	\$95.00
Sewer Commodity Charge		\$3.76 per 1,000 gallons of water used	\$6.00 per 1,000 gallons of water used
COMMERCIAL			
Base Commercial Sewer	¾"	\$20.00	
Base Commercial Sewer	5/8"x3/4"		\$70.00
Base Commercial Sewer	1"	\$25.00	\$85.00
Base Commercial Sewer	1.5"	\$30.00	\$95.00
Base Commercial Sewer	2"	\$35.00	\$105.00
Sewer Commodity Charge		\$3.76 per 1,000 gallons of water used	\$6.00 per 1,000 gallons of water used
NON RECURRING CHARGES		CURRENT	PROPOSED
Tap-In Fee	¾"	\$625.00	
Existing Sewer Tap-In Fee (new Connections Only)	5/8"x 3/4"		\$625.00
Tap-In Fee	1"	\$700.00	\$700.00
Tap-In Fee	1 ½"	\$900.00	\$900.00
Tap-In Fee	2"	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Customer Account Charge – New Customers Only A one-time fee to defray the cost of initiating service		\$13.50	\$30.00
Delinquent Customer Account Notice/Notification fee		\$4.00	\$35.00
Reconnection Charge after 9 months of Disconnection (see Order No. 2005-535, Settlement Agreement, page 8 of 11)		\$250.00	
Disconnection Charges			\$50.00
Reconnection Charges (page 4 of 4 of Exhibit A of Application)			\$500.00
Damage/Tampering Charges			Up to \$250.00

A copy of the company's application can be found on the Commission's website at www.psc.sc.gov under Docket No. 2013-451-WS. Additionally, a copy of the application is available from the law office of Mr. Steven G. Mikell, Esquire, Mikell Law Firm, 310 West Pine Street, Florence, South Carolina 29501.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a hearing on the above matter has been scheduled to begin on **Thursday, October 23, 2014, at 10:00 a.m.**, before the Commission in the Commission's Hearing Room at 101 Executive Center Drive, Saluda Building, Columbia, South Carolina 29210 for the purpose of receiving testimony and evidence from all interested parties. The hearing may continue through October 24, 2014, if necessary.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter as a party of record should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before **August 11, 2014**. For the receipt of future Commission correspondence, please include an email address in the Petition to Intervene. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2013-451-WS and mail a copy to all other parties in this docket.*** Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing should notify, in writing, the Commission; the Office of Regulatory Staff at 1401 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, South Carolina 29201; and the company at the above address, on or before **August 11, 2014**. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2013-451-WS.***

INSTRUCTIONS TO ALL PARTIES OF RECORD (Applicant, Petitioners, and Intervenors only), pursuant to 10 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-845:

1. **CUC, Incorporated** must prefile with the Commission one copy of the direct testimony and exhibits of the witnesses it intends to present and serve the testimony and exhibits of the witnesses on all Parties of Record on or before **August 28, 2014** (must be post-marked on or before this date).
2. **All Other Parties of Record** must prefile with the Commission one copy of the direct testimony and exhibits of the witnesses they intend to present and serve the testimony and exhibits of the witnesses on all Parties of Record on or before **September 12, 2014** (must be post-marked on or before this date).
3. The Company filing **Rebuttal Testimony** must prefile with the Commission one copy of the testimony and exhibits of the witnesses it intends to present and serve the testimony and exhibits of the witnesses on all Parties of Record on or before **September 19, 2014**. (Rebuttal testimony and exhibits must be in the offices of the Commission and in the hands of the parties on this date.)
4. **All Other Parties of Record** filing **Surrebuttal Testimony** must prefile with the Commission one copy of the testimony and exhibits of the witnesses they intend to present and serve the testimony and exhibits of the witnesses on all Parties of Record on or before **September 26, 2014**. (Surrebuttal testimony and exhibits must be in the offices of the Commission and in the hands of the parties on this date.)

Any person who wishes to request that the Commission hold a public hearing in his or her county of residence in order to hear comments from the utility's customers, should notify, in writing, the Commission; the Office of Regulatory Staff at 1401 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, South Carolina 29201; and the company at the above address, on or before **August 18, 2014**. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2013-451-WS.***

For the most recent information regarding this docket, please refer to www.psc.sc.gov and ***Docket No. 2013-451-WS.***

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding **MUST** present such comments in person to the Commission during the hearing.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's procedures should contact the Commission at (803) 896-5100 or visit its website at www.psc.sc.gov.

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